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For: SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT DEVICE, AND ADJUSTMENT
METHOD OF SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT DEVICE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Date: March 3, 2005

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated January 25, 2005, the period for response being extended from February 25, 2005 to March 25, 2005 by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, in which the Office Action identified four (4) independent and distinct species of the claimed invention. The Office Action further required the Applicants, under 35 U.S.C. § 121, to elect a single invention for prosecution. The inventions are identified as follows:

Species A: The embodiment depicted in Figures 3-4 and recited in claims 1-10 and 17-22.

Species B: The embodiment depicted in Figures 8-9 and recited in claims 1-12 and 17-22.

Species C: The embodiment depicted in Figures 12-13 and recited in claims 1-3, 7-9, 11, 13-14, and 17-19.

Species D: The embodiment depicted in Figures 14-15 and recited in claims 15-16 and 23.

Applicants hereby elect claims 1-12 and 17-22 of Species B, directed to Figs. 8 and 9.

This election is made **without traverse**. Consideration and allowance of all pending claims, are respectfully requested.

Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims.

It is believed that extensions of time are not required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2300 referencing docket number 024016-00068.

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